

**MINUTES OF THE  
AUBURN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
JUNE 3, 2003**

The regular session of the Auburn City Planning Commission was called to order on June 3, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Nesbitt in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Hale, Manning, McCord, Chrm. Nesbitt

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Smith

**STAFF PRESENT:** Will Wong, Community Development Director;  
Tom Fossum, Public Works Director;  
Janet Ferro, Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of May 20, 2003 were approved as submitted.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comm. McCord noted concerns about the copy she received of a letter sent to the local gas stations regarding excessive signage; she felt gas stations were being singled out for having banner signs and "A" signs. If these signage restrictions are to be followed, she would like to see other businesses included. This will be brought up at the end of the meeting for a discussion of the subject.

**ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**A. Historic Design Review – 808 Lincoln Way – File HDR AMEND 03-7(A).** The applicant requests approval of an amendment to a previous Historic Design Review façade improvement. The amendment

will allow for the installation of a copper metal awning to the existing building.

Director Will Wong gave the staff report and further described the copper awning proposed. He advised that staff is not recommending approval and explained the main reason: The copper material proposed would not be consistent with the design guidelines.

Comm. McCord stated she liked the look of the awning and felt it would be a great improvement to downtown, even though it was a new material she felt it would blend in with the existing awnings.

Chrm. Nesbitt stated that other awnings on the street appear to all be different and pointed out that copper will oxidize to a rustic patina.

The public hearing was opened.

There was no one wishing to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Comm. McCord **MOVED** to find the project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and to approve the amendment for 808 Lincoln Way subject to the conditions listed in Exhibit A of the staff report.

Comm. Manning **SECONDED**.

Comm. Hale stated she had a dilemma as to whether to uphold the existing design standards, or allow something that was quite different on a business that was in a very visible location.

Comm. Manning pointed out that if the Commission chose to go outside the downtown guidelines for this project, it might be expected by other businesses in the downtown area.

The Commissioners further discussed the proposal. They would like additional information about the material and the reason it was preferred by the applicant, however the applicant was not available to answer their questions.

Comm. McCord **MOVED** to postpone the item to the June 17, 2003 meeting.

Comm. Hale **SECONDED**.

(The motion to postpone takes precedence over the first motion.)

AYES: Hale, Manning, McCord, Chrm. Nesbitt  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Smith

The motion was approved.

**ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

**A. City Council Meetings**

Director Wong reported.

**B. Future Planning Commission Meetings**

The next meeting will be June 17, 2003.

**C. Reports**

**i. General Plan discussion.**

Director Wong, along with Public Works Director Tom Fossum, reviewed and discussed with the Commission the Implementation section of the General Plan.

**ITEM VII: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**ITEM VIII: FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Planning Commission  
June 3, 2003

Janet Elaine Ferro, Administrative Assistant